DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 "P" Street Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 81-2

TO: All County Welfare Directors

SUBJECT: Amended Welfare and Institutions Code Section 308

This is to inform you that effective January 1, 1981 Section 308 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended by the passage of Assembly Bill No. 3264 (Chapter 1092, Statutes of 1980).

This change affects all county welfare departments which have been delegated all or part of the duties of a probation officer by the county board of supervisors pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 272.

Prior to this bill's passage, the law required that a minor taken into temporary custody by a peace officer and taken to a probation officer be given the right to make at least two completed telephone calls within three hours after being taken into custody. The calls were to be made at the minor's expense.

AB 3264 requires that the minor be advised of and have the right to make at least two calls immediately after being taken to a place of confinement. If it is physically impossible to make such calls immediately, the minor must be given this right within one hour of confinement.

Telephone calls shall be made at public expense, if the calls are completed to telephone numbers within the local calling area, and in the presence of a public officer or employee.

Please direct any questions regarding amended Section 308 of the Welfare and Institutions Code to your Family and Children's Services program consultant at (916) 445-7653.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Directo

cc: CWDA